

35 Meadow Farms Road

West Hartford, CT

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Re: HB 6105

Please support and pass this bill giving adopted citizens access to their original birth certificates.

I was adopted as an infant in 1968. My birthmother found me in 1986 and we have gratefully and happily been in reunion for 24 years. I have also gratefully and happily continued my relationship with my adoptive parents.

All people should be able to explore who they are and from whom they come – their personal family, medical, social, religious, & ethnic history. It is not for the government to be in the business of keeping people apart unless they are criminals.

People are born once to two biological parents and that's what each birth certificate should state. Whatever happens after that should be covered by some other document, not a falsified birth certificate. If contact is or is not made between biological parents and adoptees – that is between them and is not anyone else's business.

Please restore to adopted people the same right everyone else has to obtain their original birth certificate.

Sincerely,

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